

Town of Barre
Board Meeting
February 8, 2023

Present: Supervisor Sean Pogue
Councilman George McKenna
Councilman Kerri Richardson
Councilman Margaret Swan
Councilman David Waters

Others present: Maureen Beach, Town Clerk; Dale Brooks, Highway Superintendent; Lee Preston, Bookkeeper, Town of Barre Attorney Bridget O'Toole, Cindy Confer, Gary Palmer.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Supervisor Pogue with the salute to the flag.

Minutes

The minutes for the 2023 Organizational Meeting and the January 11, 2023 Town Board meeting were submitted and approved.

SUPERVISOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUES: Major receipts were:

Town Clerk Fees	\$ 466.00
Justice Fees	4,946.00
CD Interest	5,396.81
Property Taxes	350,000.00
Traffic Diversion	2,304.00
Bulk Water Sales	3,414.00
Out of District Users	822.81
Metered Sales	11,175.26
Maintenance Fees	3,344.25
Water Penalty Fees	28.50
Other Revenues	<u>70.84</u>

Total receipts for the month were: \$381,968.47

EXPENSES:

General Fund Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$727,981.59
Highway Townwide: Year to date expenses are \$1,104,771.77

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Snow and Ice operations in full operation, Shop - Equipment repairs and services that would normally be done in spring, water reads and samples obtained, sign repairs completed. I attended a utility locating seminar (1day). Park - pole barn hung lights inside, stake outs completed, cold patch, had a few frozen meters.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The monthly report was submitted to Supervisor Pogue at the meeting, along with the check for the local share.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT

Ag exemption renewals have been steadily returning, must be rec'd by March 1. 400 plus parcel renewals mailed (many farms have 10 or more parcels. 120 parcel renewals need to be returned. Mailing out reminders to those that have not returned them yet. 4 new Enhanced Star applications have been submitted. Completed NYS required Harassment and Discrimination Webinar on 2/7

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

There was 3 permits issued for January.

BILLS:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Voucher #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>AA - General</u>	Vouchers: 8497, 8501, 8504, 8508-8512, 8518, 8526-8527, 8530, 8538, 8540-8541, 8543-8557, 8560-8563, 8569, 8578, 8585, 8599	57,441.84
<u>DA - Highway</u>	Vouchers: 8499, 8501-8505, 8510, 8512, 8522, 8524-8525, 8532-8535, 8539, 8544, 8554, 8556, 8558-8559, 8564	29,163.93
<u>HH-Capital Projects</u>	Vouchers: 8569	112.50
Special District - Water	Vouchers: 8506-8507, 8514-8515, 8519, 8540, 8542, 8544, 8565, 8578	
001	31,115.86	
002	997.35	
003	1,091.49	
004	1,208.71	
005	1,824.06	
006	876.28	
007	20,893.09	
008	328.60	
009	1,956.16	
<u>SW Fund Total</u>		<u>60,291.60</u>
Grand Total		<u>147,009.87</u>

PAY BILLS

RESOLUTION #9

Pay Bills

Margaret Swan made a motion to approve and pay the bills, seconded by David Waters. Vote 5-0, passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Hemlock Ridge Solar –nothing to report, they are meeting next week.

Baird Solar Project – nothing to report.

Heritage Wind – Local Agency Funding was increased to \$36,000.00

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION #10 Appointment/Town Attorney
Margaret Swan made a motion to authorize Supervisor Pogue to sign the 1 year Retainer Agreement for the position of Town of Barre Town Attorney, seconded by Kerri Richardson. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #11 Service Agreement/CHPCIT
David Waters made a motion to accept the Service Agreement submitted by Joe, as amended at the workshop on February 8, seconded by Margaret Swan. Vote 3-2, (McKenna, Richardson), passed.

RESOLUTION #12 Investment Policy
Kerri Richardson made a motion to accept the new Investment Policy, seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

RESOLUTION #13 Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys
David Waters made a motion to accept the Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys, (Section 284 of the Highway Law) as submitted by Highway Superintendent Dale Brooks. The motion was seconded by George McKenna. Vote 5-0, passed.

Kerri Richardson made a motion to only advertise for a Town Attorney if any of the Town Board members have an issue with the current attorney, George McKenna seconded. Discussion followed. Vote 2-3, (Waters, Swan, Pogue). Motion was denied.

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BOOKKEEPER'S REPORT

Account	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$216,301.59
Highway Fund	689,040.53
Highway Equip.	98,186.37
Water Dist. #1 Oper,	288,701.19
Water Dist. #2 Oper,	24,409.23
Water Dist. #3 Oper,	14,952.29
Water Dist. #4 Oper,	49,431.17
Water Dist. #5 Oper	22,560.45
Water Dist. #6 Oper.	23,970.56
Water Dist. #7 Oper.	12,342.72
Water Dist. #8 Oper.	5,849.34
Water Dist. #9 Oper.	4,789.01

Planning Board - There will be a meeting next Monday.

Utilities - George McKenna contacted National Grid regarding the EV program, our town does not qualify.

Margaret Swan made a motion to adjourn the Town Board meeting, seconded by David Waters. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Beach, Town Clerk